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In the matter of Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM RM-9242 (LPFM) Broadcast Service.

As a retired broadcaster (1935-1985) I have the best interests of the people of our community and hundreds of similar communities when I highly endorse the proposal, and in particular RM-9242.

I have been in contact with the local high school regarding low-power facilities to accomplish two purposes...

- 1) offer hands-on classes to young people showing an interest in broadcasting via their own radio station and...
- 2) to provide a city of almost 15,000 a true LOCAL radio service NOT provided by locally licensed radio, which is totally ignored in favor of serving the nearby, larger, metropolitan city, of Santa Barbara, CA.

Please consider the disenfranchised by giving potentially hundreds of entrepreneurs such as myself an opportunity to serve markets that have been deprived of any LOCAL radio and without LPFM service would continue to be victims of the present system that favors the BIG moneyed broadcasters who have absolutely NO interest in serving a small market such as Carpinteria, CA.

Sincerely yours,

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